GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PILFERAGE OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of pilferage of funds meant for rural development in the States of the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the step taken by the government to punish the guilty as well as to plug loopholes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Rural Development has received some complaints of irregularities including misappropriation of funds in the North Eastern Region. Since the responsibility of implementation of the schemes/programmes of this Ministry is vested with the State Govern- ments, complaints with regard to irregularities received in the Ministry are forwarded to the concerned State Government for taking appropriate action including investigation.

(c) The Ministry has issued an advisory to all States/UTs to deal with cases of corruption and irregularity. Detailed instructions by way of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for dealing with complaints have also been issued to States. Besides, in order to ensure effective delivery system and efficient implementation of the rural development programmes, the Ministry of Rural Development has also evolved a comprehen- sive multi-level and multi-tool system of monitoring and evaluation for the implementation of its progra- mmes through performance review meetings, web based Management Information System (MIS), utilization certificates/audit reports, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees, Visits of Area Officers, National Level Monitors, etc.